

CAROLYN TANNER IRISH



i **LIVING**
i **10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah**
i **Philanthropist**

The achievements of Carolyn Tanner Irish fit no conventional profile. Of Mormon pioneer stock, she is a well-known bishop of the Episcopal Church, currently serving as the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. She has deep roots in Utah's history. She has traveled widely and has lived in New Zealand, and England. For many years she lived in the eastern United States before returning to her native Utah soil.

When Carolyn was seventeen, she spent a year in New Zealand as an exchange student. "I wanted to see the world outside of Utah, to be challenged by it, to live in another country, to be part of another school system." This experience led to life-long friendships. When she sailed for home, the entire school gathered at the port and sang "Now Is The Hour" as the boat left the harbor.

Carolyn chose Stanford University for a college education because her father had taught Philosophy there and the family had lived in Palo Alto when she was a child. Carolyn's father, O.C. Tanner, was always an inspiration to her. He was a teacher, a businessman, a philanthropist and a community leader. His patient support, critical questions and lively enthusiasm for truth and learning set the pattern for her life. Carolyn acknowledges outstanding grade-school teachers. "I was fortunate at every point to have at least one teacher who had a passion for learning and who encouraged me to read widely, think analytically and express my ideas clearly."

For 13 years, Carolyn served ministries and congregations in the dioceses in Washington, Virginia and Michigan. After two years at Stanford, Carolyn married and graduated with honors with a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Michigan and earned her M.Litt degree at Oxford University. She raised four children in Washington D.C. where she also worked at the Sidwell Friends School, a Quaker institution, and taught in a college preparatory school. In 1978 she was called to the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church. She graduated with honors from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1983.

Carolyn's greatest satisfactions, apart from professional obligations, are children, family and friends. She recently married a long-time friend, the Reverend Dr. Frederick Quinn, a writer, priest and retired diplomat. "There are great joys in ministry.....primarily through service. I believe it is the opportunity for service.....that reflects the Lord's call to us. The ordained ministry is a role I love and was in many ways made for."

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